

Fwd: Capito Response

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Attached is the draft response. Still a couple steps of review on our end, so still very much a draft, but I intend to get this out mid-afternoon. Let me know if you'd like to include a response. I highlighted where I think that will be best. Otherwise we can just direct them to contact you directly.

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Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of your constituent Chuck Grishaber, Flood Plain Manager with the Kanawha County Dept. Of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Mr. Grishaber is concerned about the status of several Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) projects that have been submitted by the County to the state for review and the progress of the West Virginia RISE program.

The HMGP is overseen by the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (WVDHSEM). As provided by Mr. Grishaber, Kanawha County has submitted 18 Applications under DR-4273 for the mitigation of 80 properties. To address Mr. Grishaber's concern with prioritization of HMGP funding we did reach out to Mr. Brian Penix, WV State Hazard Mitigation Officer, he stated that: *[insert response from Brian; anticipate it will be something along the lines of acquisitions is the lowest priority of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which has not changed and has been communication to the local communities].*

On November 7, 2017, the West Virginia Governor's Office hosted the "Governor's Flood Recovery and Alliance Session" with the intent of coming to agreement on joint, statewide priorities for the recovery funding that has been provided as a result of the 2016 floods, including HMGP funding and Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding. In attendance where the WVDHSEM, the West Virginia National Guard, the West Virginia Department of Commerce (WVDOC), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), other WV departments, and representatives of the WV congressional delegation (including Todd Gunter and Aaron Spork from your office). As a result of discussions at this meeting, the WVDHSEM and the WVDOC, along with other "Session" participants, developed a list of priorities based on unmet recovery needs, program guidelines and requirements.

Mr. Grishaber also shared his concern with WV RISE, a state-run program intended to repair or reconstruct housing impacted by the June 2016 floods. This program, administered by the WVDOC, uses CDBG-DR funding provided through HUD. We understand Mr. Grishaber's concerns and have forwarded them to WVDOC. *[Insert response from WVDOC if they wish to include it here.]*

To assist with providing you more information on each program, including their current status, please contact the state program administrators. The HMGP is overseen by the WVDHSEM and its Director, Jimmy Gianato. The WV RISE program is administered by the WV DOC, Community Advancement Division, Ms. Mary Jo Thompson (Director).